Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 18 in the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0018] FIG. 3 depicts a host device 11 that may be equipped to communicate using more than one protocol. In FIG. 3, host device 11 may be provided with two drivers, 12A and 12B; however, in various embodiments, more than two drivers may be provided. Additionally, two I/Fs, 16A and 16B may also be provided (again, more than two may be provided), and I/Fs 16A and 16B may be of the same type or of different types. The number of drivers and/or I/Fs may depend upon the number of protocols via which it may be desired to communicate, and therefore, this may provide a degree of scalability and flexibility to the system. In FIG. 3, multi-protocol device 13' is shown, as in FIG. 2, having two protocols 14A and 14B, either or both of which may be used for communicating at any given time. If both protocols 14A and 14B are used, and if drivers 12A and 12B are designed to be compatible with the respective different protocols, then communications may occur between multi-protocol device 13' and host device [[111]] 11 via both protocols, without sharing between the protocols of use of a single driver 12 and/or interface 16, as in FIG. 2. Note that it may be possible that both protocols 14A and 14B may be the same protocol and/or that drivers 12A and 12B may be different instantiations of the same driver.